

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Examiner's objections, rejections and comments in the Office Action of May 23, 2005 and have prepared the following response.

Claims 1-12 remain pending in this application. Initially, Applicants express appreciation that the Examiner has indicated claims 1-12 are in condition for allowance. By this paper, Applicants have cancelled claim 20. Claims 13-19 were previously cancelled in accordance with Applicants previous election of claims 1-12 in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 28, 2005. While Applicants have cancelled the rejected claim 20 from this application, the cancellation of this claim is not to be construed as an acquiescence to the Examiner's position regarding the asserted references or the rejected claim. Applicants have cancelled the rejected claim merely to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims, and hereby preserve the right to again pursue the rejected claim in a continuation application.

From the foregoing, Applicants submit that the remaining claims in this patent application are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the claims and passage of the application to issue are courteously requested. If a telephone conference would expedite allowance or resolve any further questions, such a conference with the undersigned is invited at the convenience of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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